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E O 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OCLR, ETRN  
SUBJ: REFUSAL OF BUNKERING FOR US SHIPS

REF: STATE 230512

1. INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER MACLEOD, LOCAL AGENT FOR LYKES STEAMSHIP CO., ABLE TO IDENTIFY ONLY ONE LYKES VESSEL (ZOELLA LYKES) WHICH HAS BEEN UNABLE OBTAIN NEEDED BUNKERING FUEL IN THE PHILIPPINES. ZOELLA LYKES REQUIRED 7,500 BARRELS BUNKER WHICH ESSO, LOCAL SUPPLIER, UNABLE PROVIDE OWING TO SHARPLY REDUCED AVAILABILITY OF BUNKER AND OTHER FUEL OILS REQUIRING LIMITATION ON AMOUNT PROVIDED EACH VESSEL. GOP COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS GOETINA CONFIRMED TO INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER MACLEOD THAT LARGEST QUANTITIES BUNKER UNAVAILABLE DUE TO FUEL CRISIS.
2. PROBLEM WITH LYKES VESSEL OCCURRED NOV 7-9 WHEN FUEL SITUATION IN CONSIDERABLE STATE OF FLUX HERE. SHIP WAS IN SAIGON AT TIME, AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO BUNKER IT THERE.
3. ACCORDING INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER MACLEOD, TWO OTHER US VESSELS (WYOMING AND HAWAII)(NON-LYKES) UNABLE BUNKER HERE RECENTLY. BOTH VESSELS HAD CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN ENOUGH FUEL TO MAKE NEXT PORT OF CALL. REFUSAL IN THESE  
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CASES IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED GOP POLICY, WHICH IS TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUEL, PLUS RESERVE, FOR SHIP TO REACH NEXT SCHEDULED PORT OF CALL.

4. INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER MACLEOD OFFICIALS DO NOT  
RPT NOT INTERPRET ABOVE THREE CASES AS SIGNS OF  
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US FLAG VESSELS.

5. GOP STILL IN PROCESS OF ORGANIZING PRIORITY  
ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP ON  
POTENTIAL BUNKERING PROBLEMS (E.G. WHEN SHIP REQUIRES  
EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE AMOUNT TO REACH NEXT PORT) WITH  
RESPONSIBLE GOP OFFICIALS AND WITH OIL COMPANIES AND WILL  
REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.  
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